

## Michigan Adoption Facts 2016

The goal of Michigan's Adoption Services Program is to place children with forever families through adoption following termination of parental rights due to child abuse or neglect. The program provides services to these children and to families before and after the adoption. Services are provided by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and through contracts with 63 Michigan child-placing agencies.

There are about 12,600 children in foster care. There are approximately 2,600 children whose parents' rights have been terminated and have a goal of adoption, of which about 300 children still need a forever family through adoption. More than 2,000 children were adopted through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and partner adoption agencies in fiscal year 2016.

Approximately 90 percent of children who are available for adoption qualify for adoption assistance to help families with some of the costs of bringing children into their homes. Approximately 25,000 adopted children receive ongoing adoption assistance. The total amount of adoption assistance paid to adoptive families by the State of Michigan is about \$200 million annually. Michigan's Adoption Medical Subsidy Program is a reimbursement program that assists in paying for services for adopted children who have an identified physical, mental or emotional condition which existed, or the cause of which existed, before the adoption petition was filed.

Michigan is committed to responding to the needs of adoptive families and understands the value in providing post-adoption services to families who have adopted children from Michigan's child welfare system. Post-adoption services are available statewide through eight Post Adoption Resource Centers and offer the following services: case management, including short-term and emergency in-home intervention; coordination of community services; information dissemination; education; training; advocacy; family recreational activities and support.

Children in foster care as of Sept. 30:	Foster home licenses issued each calendar year:
2011: 14,284 2012: 13,639 2013: 13,402 2014: 12,883 2015: 13,009 2016: 12,666	2011: 1,820 2012: 1,847 2013: 1,968 2014: 1,960 2015: 1,731 2016: 1,665*
Licensed foster homes in Michigan as of Sept. 30:	Adoptions from foster care each fiscal year:
2011: 7,264 2012: 7,062 2013: 7,042 2014: 6,796 2015: 6,488 2016: 6,079	2011: 2,426 2012: 2,538 2013: 2,361 2014: 2,185 2015: 1,815 2016: 2,015*

*Includes children in foster homes, mental health facilities or with relatives, legal guardians, independent living, boarding schools and other placements.*

*\*Preliminary data: final data available Jan. 2017*

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